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SUBJ: VESCO ASSOCIATE TELLS OF PERSECUTION BY USG

REF: NASSAU A-62 ( NOTAL)

1. ROBERT VESCO'S ASSOCIATE, NORMAN LEBLANC HAS APPARENTLY BECOME PARANOIC ABOUT BEING SPIED ON BY THE USG. THIS CAME OUT IN A TV INTERVIEW HE FILMED ON APRIL 10 WITH ROBERT HUTCHISON ( AUTHOR OF ARTICLE ON IOS IN MARCH ISSUE OF FORTUNE) FOR THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION. THE INTERVIEW IS PART OF A REPORTAGE ON VESCO'S ACTIVITIES BOTH HERE AND IN COSTA RICA, WHICH IS TO BE AIRED ON THE CBC SHOW " WEEKEND" SUNDAY, APRIL 22. A SEGMENT WAS FILMED IN SAN JOSE LAST WEEKEND.

2. HUTCHISON TOLD CONSULATE THAT ON CAMERA LEBLANC ACCUSED THE USG OF PERSECUTING HIM. HE CLAIMED THAT HIS OFFICE AT BAHAMAS COMMONWEALTH BANK HAD BEEN BUGGED BY THE CIA. THE CONSULATE, HE ALLEGED, HAD A CAR PARKED ACROSS FROM THE BANK

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WITH A TWO- WAY RADIO REPORTING THE MOVEMENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHING PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF THE BANK. HE IDENTIFIED THE CAR AS HAVING LICENSE PLATE USA-5 ( THIS CAR BELONGS TO POST'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER). THE US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, LEBLANC SAID, IS HAVING HIM FOLLOWED EVERYWHERE HE GOES. LEBLANC ALSO WENT ON AT LENGTH ABOUT ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF THOMSON VON STEIN OF THE SEC. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE ABOVE IS UNTRUE.

3. VESCO' S 707 HAS BEEN FLYING INTO ROCK SOUND, ELEUTHERA OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. QUERIED ABOUT THIS DURING THE INTERVIEW, LEBLANC SAID IT WAS HE WHO HAD NOW CHARTERED THE PLANE AND THAT IT HAS BEEN FLYING BETWEEN ELEUTHERA AND CASABLANCA, TUNIS AND BEIRUT . WHEN POST ORIGINALLY HEARD ABOUT THESE FLIGHTS, WE WERE TOLD THAT THE PLANE HAS BEEN FERRYING ASSETS INTO THE BAHAMAS. THE POST HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT THIS MIGHT MEAN.

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